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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Appl. No. : 10/082,956 Confirmation No. 7018

Appellants : John W. Putnam et al.

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REPLY BRIEF

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Examiner's Answer mailed January 5, 2004.

In the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner mischaracterizes the arguments presented by Appellants. Appellants have not argued that neither Gajewski nor Ulrich discloses liquid ingredients. As pointed out in the Appeal Brief, the argument presented by Appellants, and not addressed by the Examiner, is that Ulrich is a non-enabling reference insofar as manufacturing polyurethane compounds of the type set forth in claim 1. In this regard, please see Appellants' arguments on pages 5 and 6 of Appellants' Brief. With regard to claim 4, Appellants have argued that the cited and applied references do not teach or suggest that the first and second components, when in an uncured state, are in a liquid form at room temperature. With regard to the Brown reference mentioned by the Examiner, it should be noted that the Brown reference is not a cited and applied patent.

With regard to the Examiner's comment about the rejection over Gillis et al., it should be noted that the Examiner has not addressed the "consisting of" argument set out on page 7 of

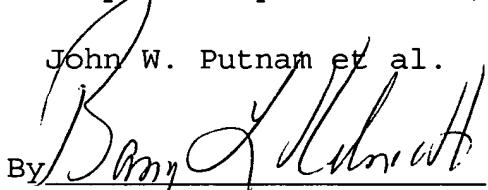
Appellants' Brief. Further, with respect to Gillis et al., the Examiner mischaracterizes Appellants' argument with respect to claim 4. Again, Gillis et al. does not say that all of its components are in a liquid state at room temperature.

With regard to the Pocius reference cited by the Examiner, again this is not a reference which has been cited or applied.

For the foregoing reasons, and the reasons set out in Appellants' Brief filed on November 4, 2003, the claims in the instant application are believed to be allowable over the cited and applied references. The Board is hereby requested to reverse the rejections of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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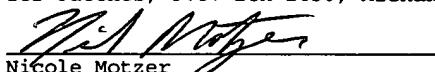
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